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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1763

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CDES, IN (PALATT, PAUL)
SUBJECT: DEATH OF PAUL PALATT

REF: STATE 131127

TO: MR. AND MRS. ABRAHAM PALATT
7 DIANE DRIVE
WEST TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08628
(TELEPHONE: (609)-882-4147) "DELIVER"

1. EMBASSY EXTREMELY SORRY TO LEARN OF DEATH OF YOUR SON, PAUL, IN
JOSHIMATH ON MAY 18, 1978. WE HAD NO INFORMATION OF HIS DEATH UNTIL
RECEIPT TODAY OF TELEGRAMS FROM PROF. T. MUTCH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE
IN WASHINGTON, D.C. PROF. MUTCH INFORMED IN HIS TELEGRAM DEATH WAS
CAUSED
BY ACCIDENTAL FALL INTO RIVER WHILE CROSSING A LOG BRIDGE AND THAT
BODY HAS NOT YET BEEN RECOVERED.

2. CAPT. KUMAR OF COX AND KINGS, NEW DELHI (LOCAL AGENTS) IN TOUCH
WITH

AUTHORITIES IN JOSHIMATH ABOUT ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO RECOVER BODY. HE

ADVISED US THAT DR. JOHN HEIMARK OF THE EXPEDITION WOULD BE COMING TO
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END OF MAY AND WILL THEN PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE CIRCUM-
STANCES OF DEATH.

3. IN REGARD TO YOUR WISHES TO SHIP REMAINS, WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER

BODY CAN BE RECOVERED OR WILL BE IN PROPER CONDITION TO BE EMBALMED AS

EMBALMING IS ONE OF THE PREREQUISITIES FOR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS. YOU
MAY WISH CONSIDER CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF ASHES AS
ALTERNATIVE.

4. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
IF WE CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO YOU, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
NEW DELHI, INDIA.
GOHEEN

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